

March 26, 1969

Dear Dean:

Many thanks for your letter and the article on South Africa. I've not yet had a chance to read it, but hope to get at it this weekend.

While I am on that subject, I wonder if I could ask for some assistance. The NSC will soon be examining our policy toward South Africa, and I know that the bureaucracy will never do an adequate job of presenting the alternative you espouse. Could I ask you to do a paper for me laying out what you consider to be a sensible policy, and a rationale therefor? I will see that it is cranked into the paper we send to the President.

I thought the meeting last week went extremely well, and I know that the President was pleased and impressed. I hope that you will be available from time to time for similar meetings.

With warm regards,

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT HALDEMAN

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Use of the White House Mess on Saturday, April 12th

As you probably know, the President has asked me to establish an open line to academic and other non-government experts in foreign affairs. We have made arrangements, accordingly, for a first meeting in that regard -- a session Saturday, April 12, between members of the NSC staff and 49 academic and foundation experts from across the country.

The meeting will take place in the Executive Office Building. The NSC is handling administrative and financial arrangements. But I think it would be highly desirable to offer the hospitality of the White House Mess for the participants and selected staff members on the 12th. We will be dealing with about 60 people altogether, and could schedule them in shifts or whatever seems workable.

I hope very much we can work this out.

RMorris:3/26/69